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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Dr. Brzezinski,  
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1. We talked about the leaks to Safire, Burt and Toth. He indicated he had checked with all of his people who had access to the Presidential memorandum and all have assured him they had not talked to Safire.

2. [ ] We are invited to sit in on the all-day session tomorrow with [ ] and [ ] for his office, should represent us. Bob Bowie should decide if NFAC wants to be represented also. This is not at this stage a covert action gathering, but an idea formulation. From watching this group we should make our own judgment, if called upon later to get some covert action/political/public relations/economic advisors to go [ ] whether any of these individuals would be good candidates.

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3. Confirmed the telemetry issue.

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5. PRC(I). I didn't take this one up.

6. Clearance of LDC arms transfer paper for unclassified publication. Informed Brzezinski of our intent to go ahead despite State Department objections. I'd like to have State Department's representative, [ ] informed that we are going to do that. Depending on the vehemence of reaction, either go ahead or wait until I see Vance the week of the 27th. I just don't want to take them by surprise, however.

7. Military situation in Vietnam. Brzezinski had not yet read [ ]'s memo on this. He read the memo on the PRC attitude towards US/Vietnamese relations which I delivered to him on the spot. We agreed we would try to have both [ ] and Jim Lilley present at the next Presidential briefing to take up this whole issue of the Chinese/Soviet/Vietnamese relationship.

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8. Barely touched on charter legislation.

9. Didn't get to any of the other items. Note that I have to take up [ ] with Vance first. I missed that opportunity yesterday at the SCC when we were all together.

10. In addition, I delivered the OLC memorandum [ ] on notification under Hughes-Ryan of covert actions and congressional responses. Brzezinski understood that I didn't expect this really to go to the President unless some individual part of it appeared to him to be worthy of the President's interests.

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